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***Rep. Carson Spends Week Fighting War On Drugs
Joins The Congressional Meth. Caucus; Signs Onto Key Legislation***

Washington, D.C. --

Second District Congressman Brad Carson (D-OK) has been busy aggressively fighting the war on drugs this week. Congressman Carson, representing a state that ranks number one in the nation per capita in the number of meth lab seizures, has taken an active role in calling upon Congress to become proactive in its fight to rid rural America of drug trafficking.

The first step Congressman Carson took this week was to join the Meth Caucus, a group of 55 Congressmen from around the nation whose goals are to raise national awareness of the dangers of methamphetamine abuse, promote strong public policy to fight this epidemic, network with state and local officials in developing the means to address this complex problem, and build support amongst Members of Congress and the White House for those goals.

"Law enforcement officials all over the state have spoken to me about the importance of extra resources for them to fight this war on drugs," said Congressman Carson. "The great majority of their time is spent dealing with the epidemic of meth labs popping up around the state and it is time we put forth all efforts focused on ridding this drug from our communities."

Later in the week, Congressman Carson signed onto co-sponsor three key pieces of legislation. The first piece, the "CLEAN-UP Meth Act" sponsored by Rep. Doug Ose (R-CA) provides grants in three areas: cleaning up meth lab sites, education and prevention, and finally added enforcement to combat and prosecute meth offenses. The second bill, titled the "Ecstasy Prevention Act" sponsored by John Mica (R-FL), provides extra grant monies to communities to so called "club drugs" and provides for a comprehensive strategy to combat this drug. The third bill was a sense of Congress resolution introduced by George Radanovich (R-CA) urging President Bush to open a dialogue with Canada to discuss the smuggling of large quantities of pseudoephedrine (the main ingredient in meth).

“People in rural Oklahoma have recently been faced with the proliferation of drug labs invading their communities,” said Congressman Carson. “What once used to be a problem primarily centered in urban communities has now come to hide in the woods of rural America. It is one of my primary focuses in Congress to root out these drug dealers from small towns throughout my district.”

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